

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: May 8, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Town Hall

Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie.

Others in attendance: Corey Wiley(Berkshire Record), Ken Knox, and for parts of the meeting Brandon Yap, Marcella Bush, Ashley Decker, Howard Lisnoff, and Jim Olmsted.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 23 meeting were accepted as presented.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The Board interviewed Brandon Yap and Ashley Decker for the position of Part-time Police Officer.

The Board and School Committee member interviewed Ken Knox and Howard Lisnoff as candidates for the vacant seat on the School Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to appoint both Brandon Yap and Ashley Decker as Part-time Police Officers on a probationary basis to June 30 and at the appropriate pay step on the Police Union Part-time Officer pay scale.

The Board and Marcella Bush voted unanimously to appoint Ken Knox to the fill the vacant position of Egremont School Committee member.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Friends of Prospect Lake to hold its annual tag sale at the Town Hall on Saturday, August 18.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board thanked Personnel Director Bill Tighe for setting up training to review the performance evaluation process.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Charter/Spectrum has notified the Town that is should expect the return of the franchise license by the end of this week. The board felt that the Technology Committee could step back now and the let the Board take over. The Board notes the receipt of an email noting the good service that Fiber Connect is providing. The Board may re-purpose the Technology Committee to educate the public as the benefits of high speed broadband and as a review of the town's technology needs. Attorney Soloman has finally billed the Town for his time. The total is \$6,970 and will be covered by the use of unused legal expenses and litigation funds as a well as a transfer from the Reserve Fund.

The South Egremont School House has been lifted and the work of assessing the foundation and sills is under way. The work schedule notes that all work will be done by the end of July. The furnace, which was installed on a cement slab in the crawl space, was moved by the Town's crew.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board will meet on Tuesday, May 22 and June 5.

The Board expressed its pleasure with how well the Town Meeting went. It was felt that the pre-planning meeting was a great help. The turn out was very low with only 94 voters present. The budget was passed in its entirety.

Vice-Chairman McGurn would like to review and update the Town's General Bylaws and form a Committee to do so. He proposed a 6 month review period with any changes recommended being voted on at a Special Town Meeting in April of 2019. The Board agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.


Mary Brazier
Office Administrator

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